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SUBJECT: ARSON BLITZ ON LONDONDERRY SHOPS

1. SIXTEEN RETAIL SHOPS DESTROYED AND SIX OTHERS DAMAGED IN CONCERTED ARSON BOMB ATTACK INSIDE LONDONDERRY SECURITY AREA LATE DECEMBER 4 AND EARLY DECEMBER 5. MORE THAN ONE MILLION POUNDS STERLING DAMAGE ESTIMATED AND ABOUT ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE MADE JOBLESS. OPERATION APPEARS TO BE TYPICAL PROVISIONAL IRA ONE ALONG LINES OF BALLYMENA AND PORTRUSH BLITZES EARLIER THIS YEAR. DEVICES WERE SMALL "CASSETTE" TYPE.

2. ASSAULT FOLLOWED EARLIER ATTACK ON HOME OF NATIONALIST MAYOR OF LONDONDERRY JAMES HEGARTY. GLASS IN DOORS AND WINDOWS IN HOUSE BROKEN AND PAINT DAUBED AROUND. ONE GRAFFITO REFERRED TO HEGARTY AS "QUISLING." MAYOR AND WIFE HOSPITALIZED WITH SHOCK. PROVISIONAL IRA HAS DENIED RESPONSIBILITY THIS ATTACK.

3. ARSON PROBABLY DESIGNED TO COINCIDE WITH BOYNE PEACE RALLY DECEMBER 5 TO SHOW DEFIANCE OF PEACE MOVEMENT. MEMBERS OF 107 STRONG AMERICAN CONTINGENT WHO MARCHED WITH BETWEEN TWELVE THOUSAND AND TWENTY THOUSAND OTHERS AT

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PORTRUSH HAD SPENT DECEMBER 2 IN LONDONDERRY BUT THIS
NOT RPT NOT CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN TIMING FIRE
BLITZ.

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